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1. In mid-1951 the Party Central Committee ordered all publishing houses to publish only "essential", i.e. political, works.
2. The following publishing houses commission writers to do work:
 - a. Editura de Stat (State Publishing House). The managing editor is a Hungarian named Aszodi.
 - b. Confederatia Generala a Muncii (CGM - General Confederation of Labor) Publishing House. The managing editor is Corneliu Sabin (formerly Sabetay).
 - c. Editura de Stat Pentru Literatura si Arta (ESPLA - State Publishing House for Literature and Art). The managing editor is Lazarescu.
3. Before stabilization, advances of about 20,000 lei monthly were paid to writers working on commissions. Then advances were stopped, and since that time writers have been in financial difficulties. Salaried employees of publishing houses, such as translators, are being paid at the rate of one new lei for 200 to 400 old lei (instead of 20 old lei), and so their pay is now negligible.
4. All authors belong to a special cooperative, located at 56 Strada Romana, where they can buy clothing and scarce foodstuffs at favorable prices.
5. All writings have to be censored twice before publication, first by the Central Committee and then by the State Publishing House. As a result it is sometimes two years before a book appears in print.
6. The following personalities are known:
 - a. Barbu Lazareanu, head of the Rumanian Academy.

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b. Isaac Iudo (formerly Iacovitz), a writer.



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c. Mihail Roller, a historian working with the Central Committee.

d. Mihail Sadoveanu, President of the Peace Movement and Vice President of the Council of Ministers.

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